

PREFACE

Kamaleswar BHATTACHARYA

Three of the four papers published here were among those which were read in the Philosophies section of the 15th World Sanskrit Conference held in New Delhi on 5-10 January 2012. The other paper — that by T. Shida — is related to the one read at the conference.

Despite the plural, the “Philosophies” section, with one or two exceptions, did not include philosophies such as the Buddhist, which were placed in other sections. Nevertheless, there were numerous papers proposed for this section — so numerous that it was hard to choose among them; and, because of a certain lack of coordination among the conveners, the choice was not always judiciously done. Furthermore, some titles appeared promising; but the actual papers were disappointing, and their authors did not succeed in improving them, despite suggestions. Some authors had already made arrangements for the publication of their papers before coming to the conference, while others did not send their papers for publication, despite requests. In these circumstances, few papers were left, and they were not enough to make the volume of proceedings wished by Professor Radhavallabh Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor of the Rastriya Sanskrit Sansthan, which hosted the conference.

Two of the papers are published in the Journal of the Sansthan; the others are being published here.

All of these papers deal with technical questions in different branches of Indian philosophy — which is the best way to make progress the study of Indian philosophies.